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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: BOAT CASES MV AVA

REFS: (A) LONDON 11697, (B) HONG KONG 8818, (C) STATE 184805

1. DEPT IS PLEASED AT THE APPARENT OUTCOME OF THE MV AVA CASE AND CONGRATULATES ACTION ADDRESSEES' PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATIONS WHICH ASSISTED SO MUCH IN THE POSITIVE RESOLUTION OF THIS VERY IMPORTANT PRECEDENT. WE AGREE WITH REF (B) THAT IT IS MOST IMPORTANT NOW TO MOVE
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QUICKLY TO CONSOLIDATE THE PRELIMINARY DECISION ON THE

MV AVA CASE AND TO MOVE ON TOWARDS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM FOR DEALING WITH THESE CASES IN THE FUTURE.

2. LONDON SHOULD EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO FONOFF FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO EXPRESS HOPE THAT UK WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN IN INTERNATIONAL RESETTLEMENT EFFORTS FOR THESE REFUGEES.

3. FOR GENEVA. HOPEFULLY, UNHCR WILL AGREE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MV AVA REFUGEES WHILE IN HONG KONG AS A PART OF A GENERAL APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION TO GIVE SUCCOR TO BOAT CASES TAKEN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE UNHCR. WE THINK CONCERNS OF HKG, OUTLINED

REF (B), ADD URGENCY TO IMPORTANCE THAT UNHCR PRONOUNCE HIMSELF PUBLICLY ON THE QUESTION OF TEMPORARY ASYLUM FOR BOAT CASES AT THE PORT OF FIRST CALL (REF C).

4. WITH RESPECT TO US ASSISTANCE IN MV AVA CASE, CLEARLY, NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN THAT US WILL TAKE ALL REFUGEES WHO CANNOT GAIN ENTRY ELSEWHERE. NO SUCH COMMITMENT HAS BEEN OR COULD BE MADE. WE WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PROCESS ELIGIBLE CASES QUICKLY AND TO BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT A COMBINATION OF US PROGRAMS AND UNHCR EFFORTS WILL LEAD TO A SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THESE REFUGEES. KISSINGER

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